

# Fire and Paramedical ADMINISTRATION

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## DEPARTMENT STAFFING

	APPROVED POSITIONS	CURRENT VACANCIES	ACTUAL STAFFING
Staffing level as of 03/31/99	<b>490</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>479</b>

## REVENUE COLLECTIONS

Fire Incident Report Fees	\$ 160.00	
Medical Report Fees	\$ 0.00	
Permits	\$ 6,500.00	
Parking Summons	\$ 700.00	
EMS Collections	<u>\$ 204,210.61</u>	
<b>March, 1999 Collections</b>		<b><u>\$211,570.61</u></b>

## PAYROLL ADJUSTMENTS

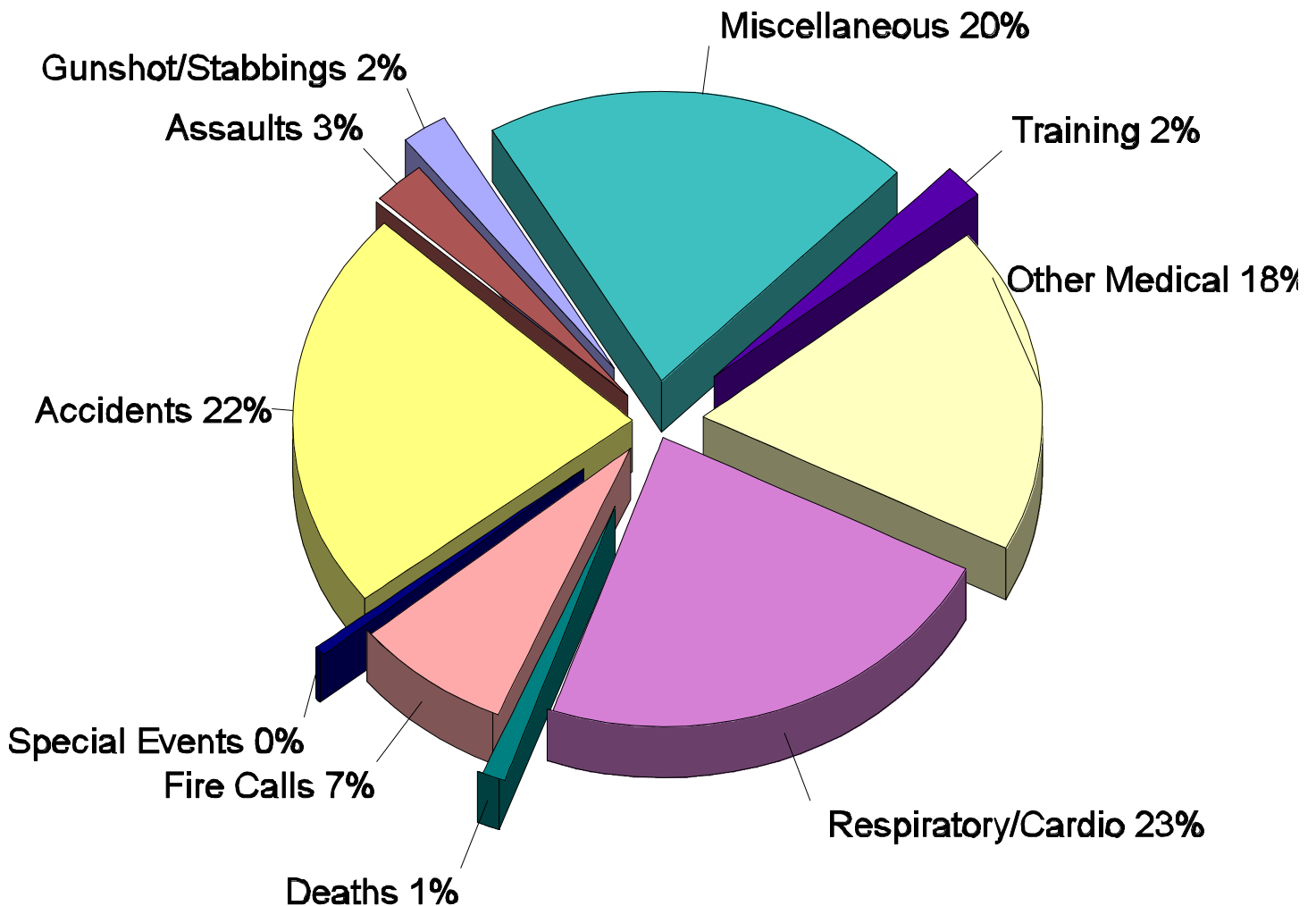
Special Duty Pay	\$ 8,508.21
Haz-Mat Technical	\$ 4,530.52
Holiday Pay	0 hours
Overtime	2,340 hours
Part Time / Casual	39 hours

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## EMS Responses by Major Category

March 1999



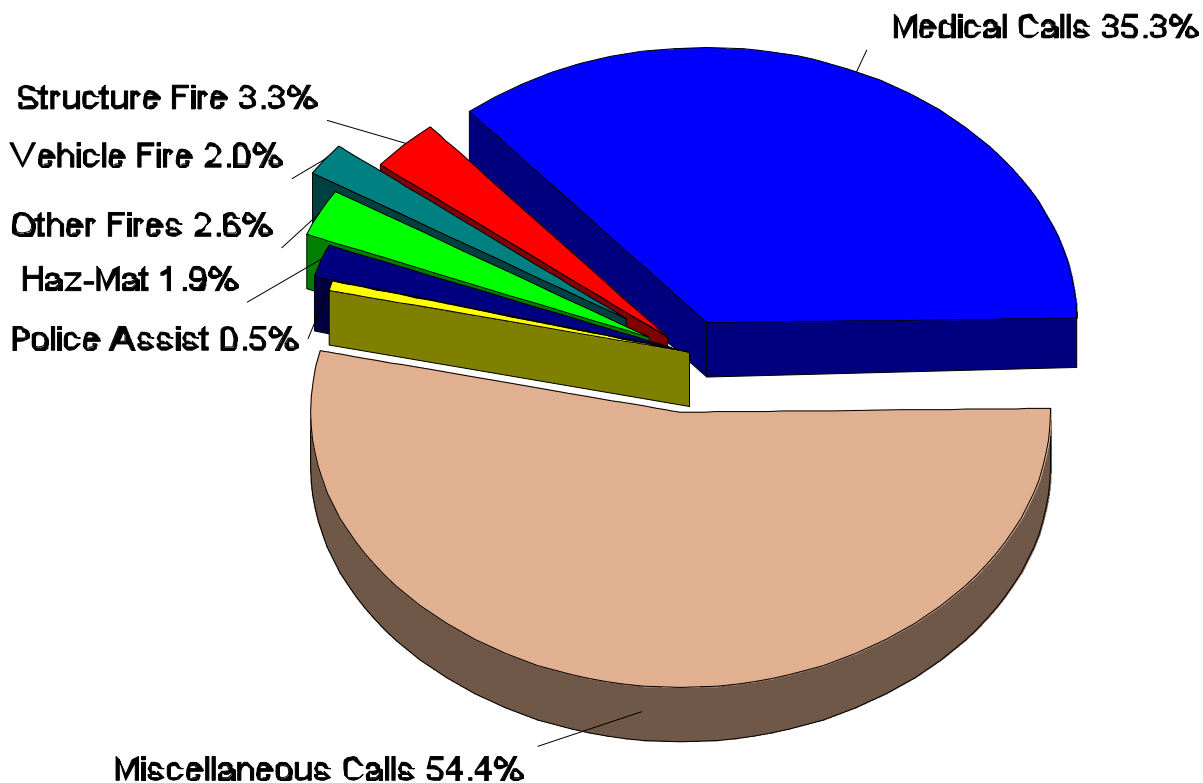
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The following Provides Information relating to the Fire and Paramedical Services routine operations for the report period. This section provides three (3) areas of data collection: 1) field operations: fire and medical responses; 2) information relating to the N.F.P.S. Arson investigation unit; and 3) the Fire Prevention Bureau's activities relating to inspections, public education, and recorded violations.

### Fire Responses by Major Category

March, 1999



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## Fire Responses for March, 1999

Total Emergency Responses for Month				1,670
Daily Average Number of Responses				54.0
Average Response Time ( In minutes)				3.7
Structure Fires	55	Medical Calls		590
Vehicle Fires	33	Police Assistance		9
Other Fires	44	Miscellaneous		908
Haz-Mat Incidents	31			

### Property Value and Fire Loss Information

Value of property where fire loss occurred	\$7,759,485,549.00
Estimated property loss to fires	\$803,900.00
Percent loss to fire	0. 001

Fire deaths 0

### Mutual Aid with Other Tidewater Cities

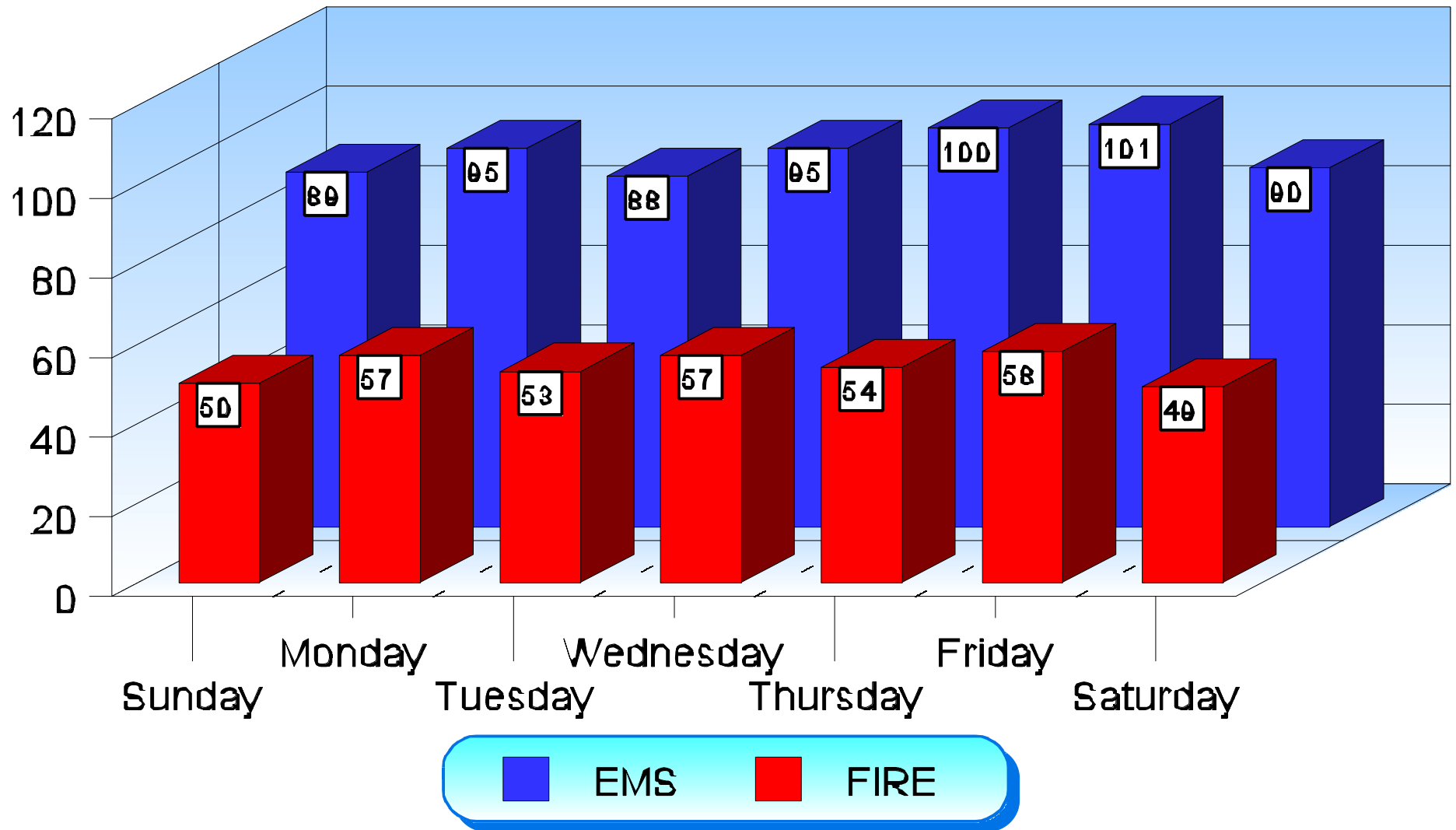
From other cities	14
To other cities	10

## EMS Responses for March, 1999

Total Responses for Month		2,841	
Daily Average Number of Responses		91.6	
Average Response Time ( In minutes)		5.30	
Gunshots/Stabbings	71	Deaths	32
Assaults	75	Respiratory/Cardiovascular	658
Accidents	629	Other Medical	521
Special Events	14	Training	54
Fire Calls	209	Miscellaneous calls	578

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**Fire and EMS Responses By Day of Week**



## Fire and Paramedical

# ARSON INVESTIGATION UNIT

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The information contained on this page relates to the activities of the Norfolk Fire and Paramedical Services' Arson Investigation Unit. Some of the statistical data used is carried over from the previous month. One such example is information relating to on-going investigations. All other data is directly related to the reporting period of this report.

### Arson Personnel Man-hours

Court Appearances	3
Police training	5
Investigations	315
Administrative	318
Overtime	44
Other	491

### Investigations

Fire Scene	8
Suspicious Fires	9
Other Fires	8
Arrests	2
Cases Closed	11

## FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

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The Fire Prevention bureau's role involves business and building inspections relating to fire code requirements for new and established business'. The bureau is also to monitor fire lane activities within the city and cite those person(s) violating "Fire Lane - No Parking" areas. Prevention personnel also have the responsibility for educating citizens, business owners and their employees in fire prevention requirements, methods. and skills.

Target Hazard Inspections	163	Violation Notices	108
Complaint Inspections	363	Violations Corrected	476
Public Education Programs	17	Warrants/Summons	5
Permits Issued	130	Convictions	2

NOTE- 459 fire safety violations were discovered in this reporting period.

# Fire and Paramedical Field Operations

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Norfolk Fire & Paramedical Services participates in the Virginia Fire Incident Reporting System (VFIRS). VFIRS, which is modeled on the National Fire Reporting System, provides over 100 categories of emergency calls. Participating jurisdictions report all emergency responses on a monthly basis to State Fire Programs. The information provided is studied for statewide trends which can be used to make changes in the Life Safety Code and State Building Code and to provide localities information about developing trends. Because of the limited space in the Monthly Report to the Council many categories are reported as miscellaneous.

The following is the breakdown of fire calls reported in the Monthly Report as miscellaneous calls.

Stuck in Elevator	18
Search	1
Power lines down	11
Aircraft standby	3
Lock-out	5
Lock-in	38
CO Investigation	35
Unauthorized burning	7
Malicious false alarm	31
Unintentional false alarm	58
System malfunction	89
Steam, gas mistaken for smoke	5
Extrication	5
Animal rescue	0
Wrong location	36
Vicinity alarm	10
Excessive heat	12
Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	24
Water evacuation	4
Disregard <sup>1</sup>	61
Canceled <sup>2</sup>	68
Duplicate <sup>3</sup>	135
Other <sup>4</sup>	252
<b>Total miscellaneous fire calls</b>	<b>908</b>

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1. Many of our emergency responses call for multiple unit responses. The disregard category is used to report life threatening medical responses that have responding units cleared by the first arriving EMS unit.

2. Calls that are canceled by the person(s) that originally called for assistance.

3. Calls that were duplicates of another call but provided different information. Often we get multiple calls concerning an emergency, particularly structure fires and vehicle accidents. Some callers give the wrong address or other erroneous information causing the dispatcher to dispatch units to an emergency that is already covered.

4. There are still many types of calls that NFPS units respond to that are not categorized in the VFIRS system. Some of those calls are assistance provided to animal control officers, flags stuck on the flag pole, carbon monoxide investigations, unsafe building conditions, standbys, assistance to other city departments.